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AUCTION: TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., APRIL 12th IN FAIRBANKS. These are just the Alaskan items. If you want a complete listing, please call or write to the address above. Phone bids may be called in between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday to Saturday (noon on the day of the auction). Bids will also be accepted at the e-mail address above.

ALASKAN TOKENS & MEDALS

ESTIMATE

- 221 **Alaska Tokens: Anchorage**, Anchorage Dairy, Good for 1 Pint and 1 Quart, B-7a,b, AU. The 1 Pint is scarce. 2 pcs. 50.00+
- 222 **Alaska Token: Chatanika**, Bingle Fritz (Welch) 50¢ in trade, B-1b, VF or better. A very popular bi-metal. 100.00
- 223 **Alaska Token: Cordova**, Cordova House, Take me to Harry and Charley, 5¢ in trade, B-14a, VF, dark spots. Scarce. 100.00
- 224 **Alaska Tokens: Elmendorf A.F.B.**, Civilian Club, 5, 10, 25¢ and \$1, B-1 a,b,c,f, all AU/BU. Four pieces. 40.00
- 225 **Alaska Tokens: Gambell**, Reindeer Commercial Company, 1 Cent to 50 Cents in trade, B-1, a to e, F to XF. Very popular and affordable "Cents" denominations from this remote island community. Five tokens. 50.00
- 226 **Alaska Tokens: Hoonah**, Hoonah Packing Company, 5,10,25 and 50¢ and \$1 in trade. B-1 a-e, F to XF. The 50¢ is the variety I. Five tokens. 125.00
- 227 **Alaska Tokens: Ketchikan**, R + C Pioneer Bar Cardroom, 10, 25 and 100 Points, B-44 b,d,e. All AU. 3 pcs. 20.00
- 228 **Alaska Tokens: Noorvik**, Noorvik Cooperative Store; 10, 25 and 50 cents and \$1 in trade, B-1, b to e. Missing the scarce 5¢ and \$5 tokens. Four tokens. 30.00
- 229 **Alaska Tokens: Savoonga**, Reindeer Commercial Company, 1 Cent to 50 Cents in trade, B-1, a to e. The companion tokens to the Gambell tokens offered above. Savoonga is the other village on St. Lawrence Island. 5 tokens. 35.00
- 230 **Alaska Tokens: Assortment of \$1 trade tokens**. Includes; **Bethel**, Olson Bros., B-3c; **Ketchikan**, "P" (Pioneer) 100 "Points", B-41c; T & M Pioneer Pool Hall 100 "Points", B-46c (these could not say Dollar as they were used for gambling); **Kodiak**, Mecca Bar 49 Room, B-9b; **Mountain Village**, Sheppard Trading Co., Inc., B-1c; **Noorvik**, Noorvik Cooperative Store, B-1e; **Teller**, Teller Commercial Co., B-3d. A nice grouping of seven \$1 tokens. 70.00+
- 231 **"Carl Parker" 1 oz. Gold Medal**, 1976, used as a pendant with what appears to be a handmade gold bezel. These pure one troy ounce medals have had an interesting and controversial history. Parker was a local Fairbanksan who sold these in the late 70s. The obverse has a mountain or hill depicted. Some say it is Money Knob hill near Livengood. The reverse is similar to the Morgan Dollar. Minted by the Northwest Territorial Mint in Washington state in 1976. A neat piece of Alaska exnumia. 450.00
- 232 **Placer Miners of Alaska Silver Medals**. In 1980, the Placer Miners of Alaska issued one ounce gold and .55 ounce silver medals. The silver medals were this odd weight because they were made to the same diameter and thickness as the one ounce gold medal. These were made by the World Wide Mint. There were 200 of the silver medals struck and 50 gold. In 1987, 50 more gold and 200 more silver were struck, followed in 1990 by the minting of an additional 100 silver medals. The silver medals struck in 1987 and 1990 were a full ounce. We offer here a pair of silver medals: the .55 ounce and the full one ounce. These are quite scarce, and rarely become available. 50.00+
- 233 **University of Alaska Silver Medals**. During the mid-1980s, the UAF Museum embarked on a program to issue a series of medals. After overcoming some difficulties, the first medal was completed by artist Jim Belke with the Woolly Mammoth on the obverse. 2,000 were authorized, but only about 1450 were struck, not sequentially numbered, this being #692. The second and final medal was the Riverboat Nenana with about 850 struck (again, not sequentially), this being #1108. Two pieces. 50.00
- 234 **Iditarod Error Silver Medals**. With the Iditarod in Fairbanks this year, we were reminded of these fascinating errors. In the early 90s, the firm that had the contract with the Iditarod committee would make medals "to order." They would not strike the entire 2,000 authorized at one, but only as they received orders, and not necessarily in the year of issue. These particular medals were struck with the wrong dies stating "5,000" struck instead of the authorized 2,000. Marwest, the issuing company had to issue a letter acknowledging the error stating that (152) 1990, (25) 1991, and (25) 1992 were minted incorrectly. This lot contains one of each date. Also included is a commemorative one ounce silver medal for the 1996 **Big Lake Fire**. Don't miss this opportunity

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- 235 **Official State of Alaska Silver Medals.** Includes: (2) 1990 and (2) 1994 one ounce medals. The 1990 appear to be proof-like and have a stylized walrus, while the 1994 medals have a bear and are proof in the original cases. Current retail for these is \$580 from the latest Alaska Mint catalogue. Four pieces. 100.00+
- 236 **Official State of Alaska Silver Medal, 1992, proof.** This is the key to the Proof one ounce silver set. The Alaska Mint (then called the Anchorage Mint) received the contract to make the state medals late in the year, and only minted 3,457 of these. This was also the year that the Eagle design was used. Currently, these list at \$450 in their catalogue. Housed in hard case, serial number 2,583. 350.00+
- 237 **Alaska Highway 50th Anniversary, 1992.** Struck by the Alaska Mint, it features a map of Alaska and trucks on the obverse. We have seen prices as high as \$150 on this one. Encapsulated, without original case. 50.00+
- 238 **35th Anniversary of Alaska Statehood, 1994.** While not one of the "big" anniversaries, nevertheless, the Alaska Mint struck one ounce silver medals to commemorate it. Actually very attractive with caribou, Alaska native face and US and Alaska flags. We did not sell these at the time. This is the first to come in the store! 30.00
- 239 **Official State of Alaska Silver Medals, 1994.** The design for this year was the grizzly bear. This lot includes the one ounce P/L (5,665 minted) and the ¼ ounce (1,550 minted). The Alaska Mint currently lists the one ounce @ \$100. 75.00+
- 240 **"The Fairbanks Dog Races" by Buck Landru, 1948.** By the author of "The Blue Parka Man," this is a small paper bound publication of only 16 pages. It gives a brief history of dog races, and then a chart of the winner's of the Fairbanks races from 1927 to 1947. A very scarce publication, the only one we have seen. Condition is a bit soiled and stained, with some water damage. This said, it really is not as bad as that sounds. Sure to bring strong bids from several of our mail bidders, personally we hope that a local bidder will keep it in Fairbanks! 50.00+
- 241 **"The Alaskan Homesteaders Handbook," Vol. I, number 1, Collectors Issue, no date, circa 1979.** Very large, paperbound publication with a plethora of information about homesteading in Alaska. How to do it, where to go, photos and maps, but appears to have more information on activities other than homesteading. Also included is a booklet **Welcome to Palmer**, a color newspaper-like publication **All About Alaska**, and the Feb. 14, 1969 issue of the **Tundra Times** newspaper. Finally, **"Alaska's Land Facts & Issues,"** by the League of Women Voters, 1974. A total of 5 pieces. 40.00+
- 242 **"This Alaska" magazine, 8 issues.** This appears to have been a competitor to the Alaska Sportsman, later Alaska magazine. The issues included are: April, September and October, 1970; January, April, May, June/July, and September, 1971. Content ranges from current events to historical. About 36 or more pages each. 40.00+
- 243 **Miscellaneous magazines.** Includes (2) **Alaska Today**, published annually by the Journalism Dept. at UAF, 1974 and 1983 editions; **Alaska Native News**, January 1983; **Alaska Northern Lights**, Vol. I, No. 1, no date; **Alaska** magazine, Dec. 1993/January 1994; (2) **Alaska Journal**, Winter 1973 and Summer 1985, great historical content; **Alaska-Oil and the Environment**, colorful pictorial magazine-like publication of Atlantic Richfield Company (cover loose); **Fairbanks** magazine, 1988, published by the Lens Unlimited, Stu Rothman. A great lot of nine magazines with articles on history, art, the economy and just about any other subject that could be vaguely Alaska-related. 45.00+



Because of poor snow conditions in the south-central part of the state of Alaska, the ceremonial start of the Iditarod was to be in Anchorage as is the custom, but the restart, usually held in Wasilla, was moved to Fairbanks this year. The restart was held on the Chena River near the airport (there is open water near downtown Fairbanks). The mushers proceeded down the Chena to the Tanana, and then on to Nenana. From Nenana, the route will continue to follow the Tanana River to Manly and Tanana where it joins the Yukon River. The route follows the Yukon River to Ruby, where

it will head south to Ophir, where it will join the traditional southern route used in odd numbered years.

We are pleased to offer the official medals of the 2003 Iditarod as follows:

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